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March 31, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Chairwoman  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for Second Harvest Heartland's Roof Replacement and Conversion to Fully Adhered EPDM project in fiscal year 2024.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Second Harvest Heartland, located at 7101 Winnetka Avenue North, Brooklyn Park, MN 55428.

The funding would be used by Second Harvest Heartland to replace two sections of their roof (approximately 108,940 square feet) and convert it from an "Asphalt Built-Up" roof to a "Fully Adhered EPDM" roofing material. The EPDM roofing material is much lighter in weight, more durable, and longer lasting than its current built up roofing material. The lighter weight roofing structure may allow for future mechanical installations to drive utility efficiencies (i.e., a solar array). The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it would fortify Second Harvest Heartland's current HQ/distribution facility for decades to come, which enables the organization to distribute millions of meals each year into communities statewide along with supporting several other regional food banks in the 5-state area.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S. Code section 5305(a)(2).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dean Phillips", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dean Phillips  
Member of Congress